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LEHI ARTIST COMMISSIONED FOR INFANT CEMETERY SCULPTURE

Agreement Approved in Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Lehi, Utah | November 20, 2013 – Lehi City Council approved an agreement on Tuesday commissioning local artist Scott Streadbeck to complete a sculpture for the City's new Infant Cemetery. The monument, which will be completed by August 1, 2014, will be the central feature of the Infant Cemetery.

Streadbeck was selected through a competitive procurement process. Seven artists submitted proposals by the October 16 deadline. Members of the Lehi City Parks, Trails and Trees Committee evaluated the proposals based on concept design and previous work and selected three finalists. The City Council evaluated clay models from the finalists and selected Streadbeck for the project.

The artist's proposal focuses on the warmth and comfort of the parent's embrace. Streadbeck believes this is something with which parents who have lost a young child can relate. "These parents know what it is like to be together, be united, and hold tight to one another," he said. "The chaos and pain are eased a bit by the comfort of the embrace."

"I think that this monument should be a place of peace, healing, and gathering; a small source of comfort for these families that have lost so much," Streadbeck said.

Streadbeck spent much of his childhood in Lehi. He attended Brigham Young University where he received a bachelor's degree in Fine Art in 2003. He currently lives in Lehi and is the vice president of Main Street Art, located in Alpine, Utah.

Streadbeck feels honored to be a part of the Infant Cemetery project. "My work is displayed all around the country, but placing a piece of my work in my hometown would have special significance," he said.

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A picture of the clay model selected by Lehi City Council.